Demands and supply of LNG and crude oil

*236. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer the answer to Unstarred Question 290, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 2001, and state:

(a) the steps taken so far to reduce India's dependence on impact of crude oil, LNG, etc. indicating the current year's import of oil bill as compared to last year; and

(b) what is country's present day demand and supply position during 2001-2002 as compared to 2000-2001, item-wise, year-wise of LNG, crude oil etc.?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Currently India essentially imports crude oil to meet its balance requirements after absorbing the indigenous crude oil. Natural gas either through pipeline or in liquefied form (LNG) has not been imported so far. The net oil import bill during the current year (estimated) and last year (actual) is as under:—

2001-2002 (Estimated) : Rs. 78,673 Crore

2000-2001 (Actual) : Rs. 70,353 Crore

Following steps have been/are being taken to increase the production of crude oil/natural gas:—

(i) Aggressive and focused Exploration and Production (E&P) work programme of National Oil Companies (NOCs).

(ii) Enhanced private participation in E&P activities including implementation of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP)

(iii) Acquisition of acreage and reserve overseas by NOCs.

(iv) Exploration in high risk/high reward (deep water and frontier) areas.

(v) Better reservoir management of the existing fields.

(vi) Work-over and application of artificial lift.

(vii) Application of Enhanced oil recovery/Improved recovery methods.

(b) The demand and supply for the crude oil and natural gas during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 are as under:—

YEAR	ITEM	DEMAND	SUPPLY
2000-2001(Actual)	Crude Oil (In MMT)	103.10	28.90*
	Natural Gas (In MMSCMD)	118.30	65.20
2001-2002 (Estimated)	Crude Oil (In MMT)	113.50	29.00*
	Natural Gas/ LNG (In MMSCMD)	151.00	70.00

* The balance requirement of crude oil is met by imports.
MMT denotes Million Metric Tonnes
MMSCMD denotes Million Standard Cubic Meters per day.

Credit Facilities to women's self help groups

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to increase the credit facilities to Women's Self Help Groups;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the role of Non-Governmental Organisations to participate in the proposed extension services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it has planned to increase credit facilities to Self-Help Groups (SHGs) formed by men as well as women. As against 1,49,050 new SHGs provided with bank loan during the year 2000-2001, NABARD has projected a figure of 1,84,400 during the year 2001-2002. Similarly, as against 1,18,568 new SHGs refinanced during the year 2000-2001, NABARD has projected a figure of 1,38,465 during the 2001-2002.

(c) Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) have been actively involved in promotion and capacity building of new SHGs. NGOs act as both facilitators